

DOA Administrative Letter No. 04-6

To: Area Agency on Aging Directors

Subject: SFY 04-05 Regional Allocations

Date: March 12, 2004

Enclosed, please find the SFY 04-05 regional allocations for the following:

1. Planning and Administration;
2. Title III-B, VII, and State funded Ombudsman and Elder Abuse;
3. Minimum budget amounts for in-home services, access services, and legal services;
4. Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion funding;
5. Title III-E Family Caregiver Support funding;
6. Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) funding; and
7. State Senior Center Outreach

The Division received FFY 04 Older Americans Act funding authorization from the Administration on Aging several days ago. FY 04 Title III funding is essentially unchanged from FFY 03 levels. The FFY 04 state award reflects an approximate \$300,000 combined reduction in III-B supportive services and C nutrition funding and an approximate \$300,000 increase in Title III-E Family Caregiver Support funding. The Division is able to offset the loss of \$300,000 in HCCBG funding by allocating \$200,000 for congregate meals and \$100,000 for home delivered meals from available federal funds-on-hand. The result is a negligible reduction in county HCCBG funding for 04-05. The Division received a net gain of \$27,677 in Title VII funding, all of which is being provided to area agencies.

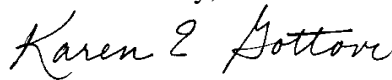
We are allocating state HCCBG funding based on current availability. If appropriations should change through action of the General Assembly, we will revise allocations upon authorization of the SFY 04-05 adjusted State Budget.

You will note that the demographic information for the SFY 04-05 Intrastate Funding Formula is unchanged from SFY's 02-03 and 03-04. The Division made the decision to not change formula distribution until the intrastate funding formula is reviewed in conjunction with 2000 census demographics. The Division will be convening a formula advisory group in the next few weeks and any adjustments to the formula will be in place for SFY 05-06 allocations.

Area Agencies will now make decisions concerning III-B Ombudsman funding needs and county equity. SFY 04-05 county funding equity targets are provided on the SFY 04-05 County Funding chart in the Target H&CCBG column. Prior to April 2, area agencies not already meeting county equity targets are to review these targets and make any adjustments based on county equity plans established in Exhibit 15 of the current Area Plan. (Currently, county equity considerations only apply to Region B). Area agencies are to return the attached county funding format to Gary Cyrus by April 2. If, based upon funding in the Target H&CCBG column, no changes are being made in county allocations, indicate "no change" in the Revised Target H&CCBG Total column of the attached worksheet. The Division will review this information and will, jointly with each area agency on aging, provide Home and Community Care Block Grant funding to each county no later than April 14.

Please contact Gary Cyrus at (919) 733-8390 or at gary.cyrus@ncmail.net with any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen E. Gottovi".

Karen E. Gottovi, Director
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Attachments

cc: DOA Staff
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